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**GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES 200 YOUTH AND AMERICORPS MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN
NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY**

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley announced today that more than 200 high school students and AmeriCorps members will participate in a National Youth Service Day event on Friday, April 15. The event will recognize and celebrate youth engaged in service projects and encourage young people with disabilities to participate in N.C. AmeriCorps programs. Sponsors include the North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, Volunteer Center of Greensboro and Partnership Fostering Inclusive Volunteer Efforts (F.I.V.E.) at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The service day event will be held at the Festival Park in downtown Greensboro from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“As young people participate in service projects, they strengthen their connection to the community,” Easley said. “National Youth Service Day provides an opportunity to recognize the outstanding accomplishments youth volunteers have made throughout the year and encourages others to engage in service.”

More than 120 local high school students, more than 60 AmeriCorps members and other volunteers will meet at 10 a.m. at the Festival Park. Students and members will travel to 13 sites in Greensboro where they will sort clothing and food donations, paint buildings, clean facilities, pick up litter and complete other service and beautification projects.

Volunteers will complete projects at Goodwill, Greensboro Arboretum, Guilford Interfaith Hospitality Network, Lindley Park, YWCA and the Greensboro Public Library-Central Branch. Participants will volunteer until 12:45 p.m. and will return to the Festival Park for a closing celebration.

The N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, housed in the Governor’s Office, supports federal and state initiatives that encourage and promote volunteerism as a way to address issues in the community and state. The Commission funds 15 AmeriCorps programs for the 2004-2005 program year and members serve in more than 52 counties across the state.

National Youth Service Day is the largest youth volunteer mobilization event in the world. On April 15-17, youth across the country will lead and participate in service-learning projects to address issues of literacy, the environment, healthcare, hunger and assistance for the elderly.

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